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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD

1. WHEN I SAW ASAD TO PRESENT CHARLES YOST IN EARLY JULY, IT WAS JUST AFTER I HAD RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. WE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED GETTING TOGETHER LATER FOR A PRIVATE MEETING. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED SCHEDULE TIME LATER IN JULY FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF AREA DEVELOPMENTS AND BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT THAT HIS CALENDAR DID NOT PERMIT EARLY MEETING. PRESIDENCY HAS JUST ADVISED THAT ASAD'S PROGRAM FOR COMING WEEKEND, JULY 19-20, LOOKS PROMISING FOR MEETING AND I SHOULD STAND BY FOR CONFIRMATION.

2. ADVISE IF THERE ANY SPECIAL TOPICS DEPARTMENT WISHES ME TO RAISE. WHILE I BELIEVE PRESIDENT HAS IN MIND A GENERAL DISCUSSION, WOULD EXPECT THAT TOPICS SUCH AS CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN AND CAIRO ANNOUNCEMENT RE NONRENEWAL OF UNEF MANDATE ARE ON HIS MIND AND COULD COME UP NATURALLY DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION. ON SUSPENSION ISSUE I HAVE SECRETARY'S RECENT MILWAUKEE AND MINNEAPOLIS COMMENT IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 161090 WHICH I PRESENTED TO KHADDAM LAST WEEK (DAMASCUS 2625).

3. IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED THIS WOULD BE LOGICAL OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO ASAD, AS I WILL BE DOING TO KHADDAM AND SHIHABI WHEN WE MEET IN NEXT DAY OR SO, OUR APPRECIATION FOR SYRIAN EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF COLONEL MORGAN.

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